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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : KULKARNI et al. Confirmation No.: 3078
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Art Unit : 1651
Examiner : David M. Naff

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION,
INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory period for responding to the October 14, 2004 Final Office Action ended on January 14, 2005. Accordingly, a petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. With this extension, the due date for responding to the October 14, 2004 Final Office Action is March 14, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.